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SUBJECT: FY 74 AIR SERVICES FOR LAOS (U)

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REF: A. STATE 060000 (NOTAL)

B. DEPCH 051000 Z JUNE 73

C. STATE 123337 (NOTAL)

1. (S) AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THIS MISSION WILL LOSE ALL AIR CONTRACT SERVICES ON 1 JULY 1973 UNLESS FY-74 PROGRAM SUBMITTED REF B IS APPROVED AND FUNDED UNDER CRA IN TIME FOR PURCHASING OFFICE TO NOTIFY CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER APPROPRIATE CONTRACTS. IN ADDITION, WE ARE ALSO FACED WITH AN IMMINENT REDUCTION IN OUR AIR SERVICE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY, STEMMING FROM ACTION BY CONTRACTORS TO LAY OFF AIRCRAFT AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, APPARENTLY IN ANTICIPATION OF REDUCED CONTRACTS UNDER OUR PROPOSED

FY-74 AIR CONTRACT PROGRAM. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW CONTRACTORS LEARNED

ABOUT PROPOSED FY-74 PROGRAM, BUT CONTINENTAL IS REDUCING ITS INVENTORY BASED ON PLANNING FIGURE EQUAL TO NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT WE

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ATTRIBUTED TO CONTINENTAL IN REF B. ASKED ABOUT THE SUBJECT, CONTINENTAL STATED IT WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ITS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT AIR AMERICA HAS STARTED TO PLACE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF AIRCREW AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL ON LEAVE- WITHOUT- PAY STATUS, PERHAPS AFTER RECEIVING SIMILAR INFORMATION.

3. (S) WE WISH TO BRING THIS MATTER TO YOUR ATTENTION IN LIGHT OF REF A AND PARA SEVEN OF REF C, WHICH INDICATES WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE STILL CONSIDERING DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT.
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